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Mr. William G. Peterson  
Director Signal Engineering  
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
4515 Kansas Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66106

**Re: Docket Number FRA-2000-8160 -5**

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This acknowledges receipt of your November 2 letter requesting withdrawal of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway's (BNSF) August 8, 2000, waiver request identified as Docket Number FRA-2000-8160.

The waiver request is for relief from the requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 236, Section 236.566, to the extent that all trains need not be equipped with automatic train stop (ATS), in three new areas where BNSF is considering installation of ATS equipment, to allow ATS equipped AMTRAK train operations.

The Federal Railroad Administration, per your request, has withdrawn your application from consideration and hereby considers Docket Number FRA-2000-8160 closed.

Sincerely,

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.  
Deputy Associate Administrator  
for Safety Standards and  
Program Development